

see this support for the cause of a sovereign, independent Khalistan," said Dr. Aulakh. On October 7, 1987, the Sikh Nation declared its independence from India, naming its new country Khalistan.

"We salute Sardar Atinder Pal Singh for organizing this important event and we salute all the presenters who presented their papers," Dr. Aulakh said. "They put the Indian government on notice that its effort to suppress the Sikh independence movement by force has failed and will continue to fail," he said.

"The mere fact that this seminar was conducted shows that there is a significant change in the repression in Punjab," Dr. Aulakh said. "It shows that people feel free to exercise their basic right of freedom of speech," he said. "This is a step forward for the liberation of the Sikh Nation. There is a new upsurge of support for the cause of Sikh freedom," Dr. Aulakh said. "The flame of freedom burns brightly in the hearts of the Sikh people, in Punjab, Khalistan and outside as well."

"Every day, Sikhs pray 'Raj Kare Ga Khalsa,' which means 'The Khalsa shall rule,' said Dr. Aulakh. "Sikhs must claim their birthright by liberating Khalistan. I hope that this seminar will be the forerunner to a Shantmai Morcha (peaceful agitation) to establish a sovereign, independent Khalistan, thus fulfilling the desires of the Sikh Nation for Raj Kare Ga Khalsa," he said. "Guru Gobind Singh gave sovereignty to the Sikh Nation and we must achieve it."

The Indian government has murdered over 250,000 Sikhs since 1984, more than 300,000 Christians since 1948, over 85,000 Muslims in Kashmir since 1988, and tens of thousands of Tamils, Assamese, Mampuris, Dalits, and others. The Indian Supreme Court called the Indian government's murders of Sikhs "worse than a genocide."

Indian police arrested human-rights activist Jaswant Singh Khaira after he exposed their policy of mass cremation of Sikhs, in which over 50,000 Sikhs have been arrested, tortured, and murdered, then their bodies were declared unidentified and secretly cremated. He was murdered in police custody. His body was not given to his family. The police never released the body of former Jathedar of the Akal Takht Sardar Gurdev Singh Kaunke after SSP Swaran Singh Ghotna murdered him. Ghotna has never been brought to trial for the Jathedar Kaunke murder. No one has been brought to justice for the kidnapping and murder of Jaswant Singh Khaira. According to a report by the Movement Against State Repression (MASR), 52,268 Sikhs are being held as political prisoners in India without charge or trial. Some have been in illegal custody since 1984!

"As Professor Darshan Singh, a former Jathedar of the Akal Takht, said, 'If a Sikh is not for Khalistan, he is not a Sikh,'" Dr. Aulakh noted. "We must continue to press for our God-given birthright of freedom," he said. "Without political power, religions cannot flourish and nations perish."

#### HONORING JOHN W. LAKE

#### HON. GEORGE RADANOVICH

OF CALIFORNIA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Mr. RADANOVICH. Mr. Speaker, I rise today on behalf of Representative DOOLEY, Representative NUNES and myself, to honor John W. Lake on the occasion of his being distinguished as an Honorary Alumni Member

of the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation's California Agricultural Leadership Program. This designation will be bestowed upon Mr. Lake at the annual conference of this organization.

Selection for this distinction is reserved for "special individuals who have, over a period of time, demonstrated consistent commitment and uncommon excellence in the furtherance of education and leadership in California agriculture." The mission of the California Agricultural Leadership Program is to enhance the long-term viability of California agriculture through leadership development, which in turn benefits the people and the communities that agriculture serves.

A native Californian, John graduated from the University of California, Santa Barbara in 1970 with a Bachelor of Arts degree in Mechanical Engineering. He also completed one year of graduate work in Mechanical Engineering at Cal Poly, San Luis Obispo. In 1974, Mr. Lake began his career with Rain for Rent, working his way through the Engineering and Manufacturing Departments and management of Lake and Lake International, irrigation subsidiaries of Western Oilfields Supply Company. He founded Lake Leasing Company in 1983, Rain for Rent's agricultural irrigation equipment financing division. John has served as President and Chief Executive Officer since April of 1990.

Since its beginning in 1934, Western Oilfields Supply Company/Rain for Rent has evolved and expanded in its product offering and the markets it services, providing solutions to temporary liquid-handling problems. Their products and services cover a wide variety of industries, including, but not limited to: construction, petro-chemical, municipal, environmental, agricultural, and other industrial businesses that are serviced by 47 branches and 650 professionals nationwide. During John's tenure as President, the company has expanded into the tank, pump and specialty rental markets.

Mr. Lake is active in the Cal Poly San Luis Obispo Advisory Council, the California Agricultural Leadership Program, the Fellowship of Companies for Christ International, Quest Club, Idaho Irrigation Association and Safari Club International. John and his wife, Sheila, have two sons and attend Fruitvale Community Church in Bakersfield, California.

Mr. Speaker, I rise today along with Representative DOOLEY and Representative NUNES to pay tribute to John W. Lake as an Honorary Alumni Member of the California Agricultural Leadership Foundation's California Agricultural Leadership Program. I invite my colleagues to join me in wishing John many years of continued success.

#### RECOGNIZING OF NELSON WESTERBERG INC.

#### HON. HENRY J. HYDE

OF ILLINOIS

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Mr. HYDE. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to recognize one of the leading corporate citizens in my district, the Sixth Congressional District of Illinois. This year Nelson Westerberg Inc., headquartered in Elk Grove Village, Illinois, will celebrate its 100th anniversary. Not many

companies reach this milestone, especially under the same family ownership, and that is why I want to commend Nelson Westerberg Inc., for reaching this historic milestone.

Nelson Westerberg Inc. has been safeguarding and relocating people, products, and offices since 1904 when it opened its first office in downtown Chicago. In 1904, it moved coal, ice and "some furniture" via horse-drawn wagons. Today Nelson Westerberg Inc. has become one of the Nation's leading relocation companies, offering its services to individual households as well as corporate customers.

Nelson Westerberg Inc., also is an active participant in community activities such as the Special Olympics and the Elk Grove Police Department's annual Truck Pull.

Therefore, it is with great pleasure that today I acknowledge the accomplishments of this fourth-generation business as it celebrates its 100th anniversary in 2004.

#### HONORING MARGARET DAVIS

#### HON. GINNY BROWN-WAITE

OF FLORIDA

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Ms. GINNY BROWN-WAITE of Florida. Mr. Speaker, I rise today to honor Margaret Davis, a resident of my Fifth Congressional District of Florida and a woman who has become something very few of us ever will. Margaret is almost a centenarian and at 99 she is a mother to 2 daughters, a grandmother to 5, a great-grandmother to 8, and a great, great grandmother to 9.

Mrs. Davis was born in New York City, but went to school in a schoolhouse in Stamford, Connecticut, on Long Ridge Road. She describes her happiest moments as when her daughters were married. One of her favorite activities today is crossword puzzles with friends.

After 99 years, Margaret says she wouldn't change anything about her life. When asked what advice she'd give to young people she says, "listen to your parents." She says the best thing about growing older is people are very kind because of her age.

Mr. Speaker, and my colleagues, I ask that you join me in honoring Margaret Davis today. I hope we all have the good fortune to live as long as she has. She is truly a great lady and someone with an appreciation for the importance of family and time with friends.

#### INTRODUCTION OF RESOLUTION OF INQUIRY REGARDING DISCLOSURE OF IDENTITY AND EMPLOYMENT OF COVERT U.S. INTELLIGENCE OFFICER

#### HON. RUSH D. HOLT

OF NEW JERSEY

IN THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES

Wednesday, January 21, 2004

Mr. HOLT. Mr. Speaker, six months after a syndicated columnist disclosed the identity of a CIA employee, calling her a CIA "operative," the White House and the Department of Justice have yet to find and hold accountable the person or persons who leaked her name to the press. Congress and the men and women